



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend
Application No. : 09/940,682
Filed : August 27, 2001
For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET
MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

Examiner : Ruth A. Davis
Art Unit : 1651
Docket No. : 150026.464
Date : January 13, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION TO ACCEPT LATE PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)

Commissioner for Patents:

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of a late priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3). The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due and the date of this Petition was unintentional. Applicant encloses with this Petition an Amendment to the specification referencing the priority claim.

Applicant has previously paid the fee due for the filing of this Petition. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' counsel,
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Respectfully submitted,

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